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25X1 1. [] Met with Representative John M. Ashbrook concerning his letter to the Agency regarding a "branch" office of CIA at 215 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. Having obtained prior clearance from the FBI (a Mr. Day in FBI headquarters), I advised Mr. Ashbrook that this address was occupied by the Bureau. During our conversation, Mr. Ashbrook mentioned he had received bits and pieces of information to the effect that Congressional mail was being tampered with and other activities of this sort being conducted on the Hill. I expressed interest and concern in this indicating that the Agency has received other reports which were wholly inaccurate. I advised him further that the Agency had no internal security or police powers in the United States and, in fact, had a limitation against such activities in our statute. I did indicate, however, that the Agency had field offices in various areas of the United States and discussed very briefly the OO program. [] Mr. Ashbrook said he was quite satisfied with the information I had given him insofar as the Agency was concerned. I pressed Mr. Ashbrook for the source of his information, however, he said he would prefer to take this up with the FBI. I have alerted the Bureau and the Office of Security to this.

25X1 2. [] Met with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, and gave him the usual briefing on the activities of [] referring to him as a fabricator of reports. 25X1 Smart said that Representative Charles S. Gubser has received some of [] voluminous reports and had asked him to look into the situation. 25X1 Smart had prepared a written reply to Gubser but instructed his secretary to destroy the letter indicating he would brief Gubser verbally on this.

25X1 I picked up from Smart a photo copy of Representative Oamers letter to Chairman Vinson indicating his satisfaction with the treatment of [] charges concerning intelligence. A copy of this letter was sent to the Director.

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